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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the information I have, buttons now supplied are plain and simple with no emblem."

SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR :—" When were these buttons impressed with the Crown emblem supplied? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Probably before the declaration of Independence."

Grant of wholesale foodgrains licences to certain Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 700 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the wholesale foodgrains licences granted to certain Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar were cancelled and, if so, why;

(*b*) whether the Government received any representations on behalf of Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies recently;

(*c*) and, if so, what were their main demands;

(*d*) what steps the Government have taken so far to maintain the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society Organization in Malabar intact; and

(*e*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) An answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether licences are given on the basis of cash and carry business or credit business as it was done some time back and if the former, may I know whether representations have been received by the Government asking for the credit system being introduced again in view of the fact that large sums of money are due to the societies? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to go through the answer wherein he will find an answer to this supplementary question also."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" The answer to clauses (*d*) and (*e*) of the main question reads as follows :—

'The question of reorganisation of the producers-*cum*-consumers' co-operative societies was examined by the Government and they found that such a reform should be brought about by the societies themselves and that the Government could only give them the necessary assistance in this regard.'

" Two societies in South Malabar, the Alanallur and Vaniyankulam Provincial Co-operative Credit Societies were converted into Co-operative Urban Banks. The Alanallur Society got a loan of Rs. 50,000 from the District Bank. When the Vaniyankulam

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Society applied for the loan it came to light that the Registrar has issued an order that such institutions should not be given credit facilities. Now the District Bank has asked the Alanallur Bank to return the loan taken by them. Will the Government reconsider the whole position and do the needful? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' This question may be addressed to my Hon. Colleague in charge of Co-operation.''

DR. K. B. MENON :—'' As some of the societies are hard put to carry on their business when they have no wholesale licences, will the Government relax the rules and issue them wholesale licences? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Wherever possible, we have relaxed the rules. But in respect of societies which have mismanaged their business, we are unable to help.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' The Government have given some reasons for depriving the societies of their wholesale licences. Such things occurred during the management or mismanagement of the societies by the executive officers appointed by the Government. Is it fair or just to deprive the societies of their wholesale licences on account of conditions for which the Government themselves were responsible? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' The executive officers were appointed by the Government only when they found that the societies had mismanaged their affairs. Therefore, the Government did not appoint these officers on their own initiative. So, where societies have been superseded and where defalcations have taken place, the hon. Member cannot expect the Government to restore or continue the wholesale licences.''

Forests reserved in Gingee taluk for taking green-manure under permits.

* 701 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the name of the reserve forest reserved for taking green-manure with permits in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The names of the reserved forests are as follows :—

(1) Karai.
(2) Muthukadu.
(3) Padipallam.
(4) Pakkamalai.
(5) Gangavaram.
(6) Thurinjikadu.
(7) Thandavasamudram.
(8) Siruvadi.
} Markanam Range.

(9) Adukkam—Tirukoilur Range.''